



PROCLAMATION

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week November 15-21, 2009

WHEREAS, for the past several years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Sumter County for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to the homeless including: Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc.; Florida Department of Children and Families; Agency for Persons with Disabilities; Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast; Life Stream Behavioral Services, Inc.; Devereux Florida; Kids Central, Inc.; Mid Florida Community Services, Inc.; North Florida Behavioral Health Partners; Refuge at Jumper Creek, Inc.; The Salvation Army of Lake and Sumter Counties; Sumter County Schools; United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties; and Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 2009 is “Bringing America Home,” and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognize that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Sumter County; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc.; Florida Department of Children and Families; Agency for Persons with Disabilities; Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast; Life Stream Behavioral Services, Inc.; Devereux Florida; Kids Central, Inc.; Mid Florida Community Services, Inc.; North Florida Behavioral Health Partners; Refuge at Jumper Creek, Inc.; The Salvation Army of Lake and Sumter Counties; Sumter County Schools; United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties; and Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc.; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the The Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County hereby proclaims November 15-21, 2009 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the The Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County encourages all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens, and private/public nonprofit service entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY PROCLAIMS NOVEMBER 15-21 AS NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 10th day of November, 2009 Sumter County Florida.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY

Connie Webb
Deputy Clerk

Garry Breeden
Chairman